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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
PATENT EXAMINING OPERATION

APPLICANTS : Brian J. Balin, et al.  
SERIAL NO. : 09/227,749  
FOR : TREATMENT AND DIAGNOSIS  
OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE  
FILED : JANUARY 8, 1998  
EXAMINER : ELLI PESELEV  
ART UNIT : 1200

AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

A petition for a three month extension of time, up to and including July 23, 2001 accompanies this amendment as does a power of attorney for the undersigned counsel.

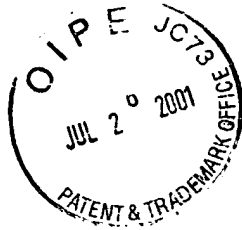
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Responsive to the office action dated January 22, 2001, please cancel without prejudice, claims 1-7.

Applicants have recently engaged new counsel as shown in the accompanying power of attorney. Because of this transition, Applicants' counsel has not had sufficient time to prepare a substantive response to the rejection of the pending claims but intends on filing a supplemental response with a declaration and supporting information in the next several weeks. Applicants apologize for any inconvenience.

Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner withhold issuing any office action until the supplemental response is filed.

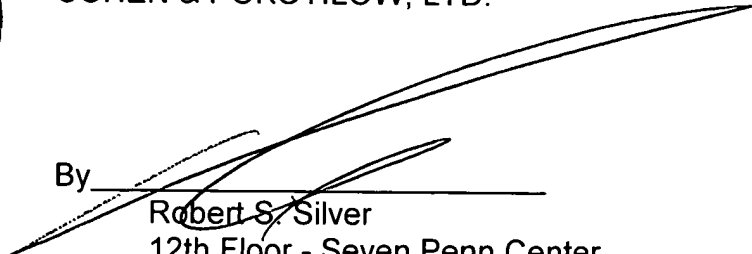
Respectfully submitted,

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July 23, 2001

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that the foregoing AMENDMENT, re Application Serial No. 09/227,749 is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D. C. 20231, on this 23 day of July, 2001.

  
Robert S. Silver